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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the December 16, 2004 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are in the substitute specification filed with this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-24 and 26-28 are pending, with claims 1, 10, 20, 21, 23 and 28 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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